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SUBJECT: PROPOSALS FOR INCREASED EC PROTEIN PRODUCTION

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1. A RECENT ISSUE OF THE ENGLISH EDITION OF "AGRA EUROPE" (NO. 535 AUGUST 30, 1973) INDICATED THAT SEVERAL FRENCH AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATONS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON WAYS OF INCREASING DOMESTIC PROTEIN SUPPLIES, AND THAT THEY INTEND TO PRESENT A COORDINATED CASE IN DISCUSSIONS ON THE EC COMMISSION'S QUOTE DRAFT REGULATION UNQUOTE TO ENCOURAGE EC PRODUCTION OF PEAS, FIELD BEANS, AND DRIED ALFALFA. ACCORDING TO "AGRA EUROPE," THIS DRAFT REGULATION IS

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DUE TO BE PRESENTED TO THE AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS BEFORE SEPTEMBER

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2. IN ADDITION TO THE MEASURES OUTLINED BY THE GOF IN THEIR JULY 3 NOTE TO THE COMMISSION (REFTELS), THE DRAFT REGULATION EVIDENTLY INCLUDES MEASURES TO INCREASE DRIED ALFALFA PRODUCTION.

3. IMPORT DUTIES ON PEAS AND BEANS ARE BOUND IN GATT AT 4.5 PERCENT AD VALOREM AND ON DEHYDRATED ALFALFA AT ZERO. ANY NEW DOMESTIC SUBSIDY WOULD IMPAIR THOSE BINDINGS.

4. US EXPORTS OF DRIED ALFALFA TO THE EC FLUCTUATE FROM YEAR TO YEAR HAVING INCREASED FROM DOLS .6 MILLION IN 1968 TO DOLS 2.6 MILLION IN 1970, AND THEN BACK TO DOLS .6 MILLION IN 1971 AND ZERO IN 1972. IN 1972 US EXPORTS OF DRIED PEAS AND BEANS TO THE EC TOTALED DOLS 23.6 MILLION, PROBABLY NEARLY ALL FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION. EXPORTS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN 1973 AND HAVE INCLUDED EXPORTS FOR FEED.

5. PLEASE ADVISE OF ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE STATUS AND CONTENT OF THE DRAFT REGULATION. RUSH

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